

## CLASSIFICATION OFFICE DECISION

**Title of publication:** 1536230231103.jpg

**Other known title(s):** received\_1136305719850826.jpeg

**OFLC ref:** 1800573.006

**Medium:** Image File

**Publisher:** Not stated

**Country of origin:** Not stated

**Language:** English

**Applicant:** New Zealand Defence Force Military Police

**Classification:** Objectionable.

**Descriptive note:** None

**Display conditions:** None

**Date of entry in Register:** 19 February 2019

**Date of direction to issue a label:** No direction to issue a label has been issued

**Date of notice of decision:** 19 February 2019

### Summary of reasons for decision:

The publication is an image of a woman involving a horse in a sexual act, with added text intended to be humorous. It is deemed to be objectionable because it promotes and supports bestiality under s3(2)(e) of the Films, Videos, and Publications Classification Act 1993. The only likely purpose of the image is to titillate or arouse adults with a sexual interest in animals and in women having sex with animals. The use of humour in association with the image has a normalising effect. The classification interferes with the right to freedom of expression set out in the New Zealand Bill of Rights Act 1990. However, this is an outcome that is consistent with Parliament's clear intention to prevent the availability of publications that promote and support the crime of bestiality.